HOUSE BILL No. 1448

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 25-23.6.

Synopsis: Social worker licensing. Provides that a person who has a bachelor's degree in social work and meets certain other requirements may be licensed as a basic social worker. Provides that the social worker, marriage and family therapist, and mental health counselor board may limit a basic social worker's practice of social work.

Effective: July 1, 2001.

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January 11, 2001, read first time and referred to Committee on Human Affairs.





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Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning professions and occupations.

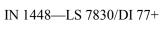
Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. IC 25-23.6-1-1.7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001]: **Sec. 1.7. "Basic social worker" means an individual who is licensed under IC 25-23.6-5-1.5.**

SECTION 2. IC 25-23.6-1-3.8 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001]: Sec. 3.8. Except as provided in IC 25-23.6-7-5, as used in this chapter, "counselor" refers to a **basic social worker**, social worker, clinical social worker, marriage and family therapist, or a mental health counselor who is licensed under this article.

SECTION 3. IC 25-23.6-5-1.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001]: **Sec. 1.5. (a) An individual who applies for a license as a basic social worker must meet the following requirements:**

(1) Furnish satisfactory evidence to the board that the individual:





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1	(A) has received at least a bachelor's degree in social work
2	from:
3	(i) an institution of higher education that is accredited or
4	approved for candidacy by the Council on Social Work
5	Education or approved by the board; or
6	(ii) a foreign school that has a program of study that is
7	approved by the Foreign Equivalency Determination
8	Service of the Council on Social Work Education; and
9	(B) will work in the practice of social work under the
10	supervision of a licensed social worker, a licensed clinical
11	social worker, or another supervisor, as determined by the
12	board, after receiving the bachelor's degree.
13	(2) Furnish satisfactory evidence to the board that the
14	individual does not have a conviction for a crime that has a
15	direct bearing on the individual's ability to practice
16	competently.
17	(3) Furnish satisfactory evidence to the board that the
18	individual has not been the subject of a disciplinary action by
19	a licensing or certification agency of another state or
20	jurisdiction on the grounds that the individual was not able to
21	practice as a social worker without endangering the public.
22	(4) Pass an examination required by the board.
23	(5) Pay the fee established by the board.
24	(b) The board may limit or restrict the practice of social work
25	that may be performed by an individual who meets the
26	requirements under subsection (a) and is licensed as a basic social
27	worker.
28	SECTION 4. IC 25-23.6-5-4 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
29	FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001]: Sec. 4. An individual who
30 31	satisfies the requirements of: (1) section 1, 1,5, or 2 of this shorter, and
32	(1) section 1, 1.5, or 2 of this chapter; and(2) section 3 of this chapter;
33	may take the examination provided by the board.
34	SECTION 5. IC 25-23.6-5-11 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
35	FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001]: Sec. 11. (a) The board may
36	issue a temporary permit to an individual to profess to be a basic social
37	worker, social worker, or clinical social worker if the individual pays
38	a fee and the individual:
39	(1) has a valid license or certificate to practice from another state
40	and the individual has passed an examination substantially
41	equivalent to the level for which licensure is being requested;
42	(2) is practicing in a state that does not license or certify social
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(1) the date the individual holding the permit is issued a license	
under this article;	
(2) the date the board disapproves the individual's license	
application; or	
(3) one hundred eighty (180) days after the initial permit is issued.	
(c) The board may renew a temporary permit if the individual	
holding the permit was scheduled to take the next examination and the	
individual:	
(1) did not take the examination; and	
(2) shows good cause for not taking the examination.	
(d) A permit renewed under subsection (c) expires on the date the	
individual holding the permit receives the results from the next	
examination given after the permit was issued, and may not be	
extended if the applicant has failed the examination.	
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